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## **Renewable Energy Meetings to be held around Wyoming**

Wyoming business owners, farmers and ranchers have the opportunity to learn more about the benefits of renewable energy.

The Wyoming Department of Agriculture is working with local conservation districts on a workshop regarding the financial incentives that are available to farmers, ranchers and businesses for renewable energy systems and energy efficiency improvements.

The goal of the meetings is to provide information about the benefits of renewable energy, energy efficiency improvements, and the planning and implementation of renewable energy projects. The meetings will also discuss how to apply for Rural Development or other funding sources.

Four different meetings will be held around the state:

- **Feb. 2: Rock Springs**, Chamber of Commerce Building, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. (Lunch will be provided by the Western Wyoming RC&D to those who RSVP to 307-362-1451)
- **Feb. 2: Kaycee**, Harold Jarrard Park, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- **Feb. 8: Wheatland**, First National Bank, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- **Feb. 13: Laramie**, U.W. Hanson Arena Classroom, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

The following agenda will be used for the meetings:

- Welcome and Overview – Local Conservation District and WDA
- Community Wind Projects and Other Renewables – Ed Werner, CANDO
- Energy Efficiency: Sound Business Practices – Tom Fuller, State Energy Office
- Financial Incentives: USDA Rural Development and State Energy Office Programs, Tom Fuller, State Energy Office and Milt Geiger, USDA Rural Development
- Getting Renewable Energy Projects on the Ground – Sr. Sadrul Ula, University of Wyoming
- Question and Answer Session

The meetings are free and open to the public. For more information, please contact the Wyoming Department of Agriculture at (307) 777-7321. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, special assistance or alternate formats will be made available for individuals with disabilities upon request in advance of the meeting. Please contact the Wyoming Department of Agriculture or visit <[http://www.wyomingworkforce.org/how/vr\\_wyrdstele\\_services.aspx](http://www.wyomingworkforce.org/how/vr_wyrdstele_services.aspx)>.

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